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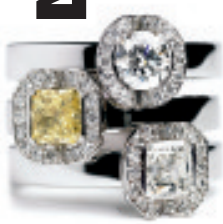

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Dinner party etiquette rule number one: **never talk politics**. There can't be many of us who haven't broken that rule over the last few weeks, if only to say something non-committal like: "So, Nick Clegg's a dandy debater, isn't he?" But I won't harp on about hung parliaments and coalitions because a) I don't know what I'm talking about, and b) those words have had far too much air time already. In fact, *The Guide* was going to press as the results were dribbling in, so my apologies if such lexicon crops up accidentally in the midst of, say, a news brief about the marathon!

Thankfully, guests at ***The Guide*'s annual party** seemed to have plenty to chat about other than the virtues of blue over red over yellow (alphabetically ordered – I'm giving away nothing!). Clients and contributors were invited for a peek at **Clarence Hall**, a newly refurbished venue above Greenwich Market, before it's offical launch. We christened the venue with copious amounts of wine and, let me tell you, it's pretty flash. See the pictures on page 44.

Also, as our cover depicts, we're pretty excited about **Big Dance 2010**, London's biggest festival of, well, dance! The six-week countdown to July's week-long series of events kicks off on 21 May with the Big Cabaret at Greenwich Dance. So whether you've never danced before, you're looking to brush up your skills or you want to switch from salsa to street, find out where you need to be and when on page 14. Hip-hop to it!

And finally, a huge goodbye to our dear, dear senior advertising manager, **Heather Jones-Hughes**. The magazine's biggest fan (and personality) for the last few years, she's decided the time has come to seek pastures new. But, boy, will she be missed. Farewell Heather!

Victoria

On the cover: Jade Shaw, freelance hip-hop artist, photographed at the National Maritime Museum by Colin Crisford. With thanks to the NMM and Greenwich Dance. Thanks also to La Joaquina and Chris Mullet (Flamenco Express), Manjerico (ABADA UK Capoeira) and contemporary dancers Petra Soor and Laure Bachelot.

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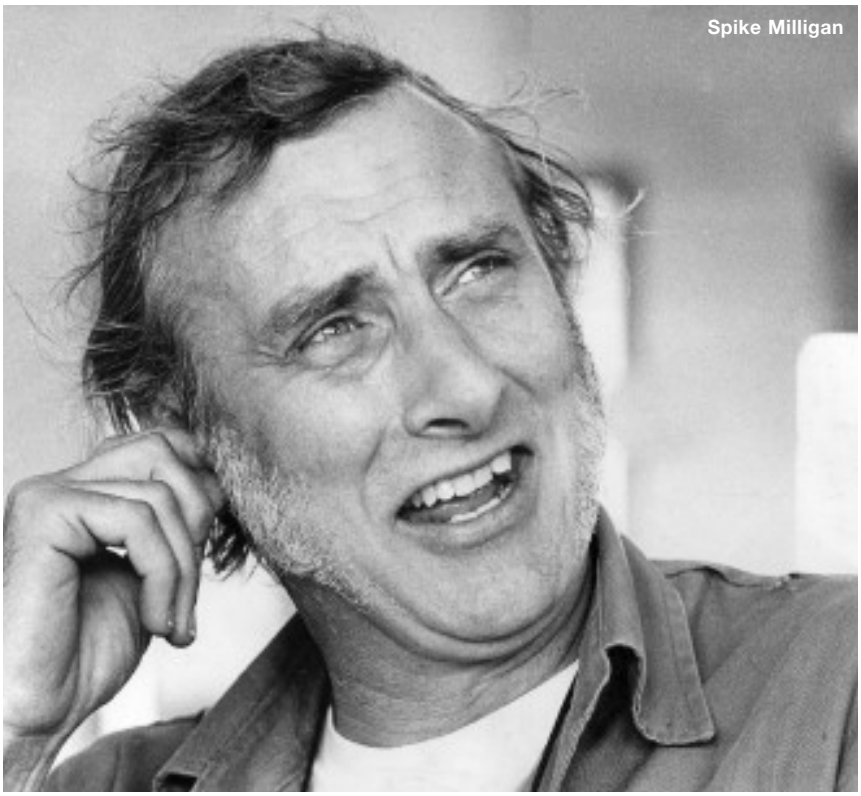
Spike Milligan

Considering the idea of heaven, Spike Milligan once quipped, "I'd like to go, but if Jeffrey Archer is there I want to go to Lewisham." This corner of London may not have inspired the founding father of modern comedy, but nonetheless his years here were pivotal in shaping Milligan's highly irreverent, iconoclastic character.

Born in India in 1918, young Terence Alan Milligan enjoyed a comfortable life, courtesy of his father Leo's army job. After visiting his aunt in south east London, the family decamped permanently in spring 1933 after Leo's sudden redundancy. England's damp, dank weather was dismaying after a sunny Rangoon childhood, and Milligan permanently retained an outsider's perspective. His childlike qualities were later reflected in *The Goon Show* characters Neddie Seagoon, Bluebottle and Eccles.

Impoverished, the family rented 22 Gabriel Street in Honor Oak Park, a part of south London satirised in Peter Sellers' sketch *Balham, Gateway to the South*. Milligan, tongue in cheek, changed their cramped abode into one where "brass knocker and letterbox… were polished with Brasso, lace curtains washed with Sunlight soap." In reality, "the landlady was a harridan" and home no domestic idyll – the family visiting Leo's sister in a more salubrious part of Catford for their weekly bath.

Early dreams of becoming a pilot were thwarted by academic ineptitude, so, after technical college, Milligan became a book keeper's clerk in Deptford. Around that time the thin, fine-boned lad met his first girlfriend. She introduced him to Bing Crosby's music, which encouraged his interest in singing and led to a talent contest at Lewisham Hippodrome.

Swiftly learning the bass, Milligan played local gigs and took music classes at Goldsmiths. A girlfriend paid for his first trumpet and he taught himself, joining south London bands like the New Ritz Revels who frequented Catford dancehalls. "One of the greatest feelings in the world is to play music," he once said. "When I was playing that trumpet I couldn't think about the rates, the rent. It was liberation."

Jazz excited him long before comedy, but since many jazz musicians also possess a keen sense of humour, Milligan probably discovered the power of laughter during these gigs as something to alleviate monotony: "All that kept my sanity was playing evenings with the Revels and crooning," he recalled.

"One day an envelope marked OHMS fell on the mat. In it was a cunningly worded invitation to participate in World War II," thus Milligan recalled welcome notification of war service. The war would offer two important introductions for the fledgling musician. First was his quirky name, Milligan maintaining its provenance came from Spike Jones on Radio Luxembourg. Loathing "the way my mother called me Terence in a bid to make me respectable, and Dad said Terry, like I was some sort of chocolate," in the army, guys began to call him Spike.

Another pivotal moment came when, in the war's latter stages, he met "a short Gunner, wearing spectacles, a steel helmet… and baggy shorts that looked like a tea clipper under full sail." This was one Harry Secombe, who'd subsequently introduced Milligan to fellow Goons Peter Sellers and Michael Bentine, a partnership that would go on to change the face of contemporary comedy… ●

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THE GUIDE'S CHOICE

Bike and Kite Festival

12-13 June

Get a breath of fresh air and a rush of adrenaline this month at Blackheath's annual Bike and Kite Festival. Organised by Lewisham Council and supported by TfL, it offers a range of fun, free activities. Visitors can expect special international kite-fighting displays, renowned mountain bike stunt team Mad, experts from Dr Bike giving hints and tips and kite-making workshops for all ages. 12noon-7pm.

See www.blackheathbikeandkite.com

Wendy Dawn Thompson and chorus in the 2009 Blackheath Halls Community Opera, Orpheus and Euridice © Tas Kyprianou

Blackheath Halls Community Opera

22 May

Calling all enthusiastic Blackheathians! If you love singing, playing a musical instrument, making props and costumes or even baking cakes, the Blackheath Halls Community Opera needs you! Rehearsals start on 22 May for July performances of Donizetti's playful comic opera, *Elixir of Love*, which is about a love triangle set in an English Village in Second World War. All ages and abilities are welcome.

If you are interested in taking part contact Rose Ballentyne on 020 8318 9758 or email rose.ballentyne@blackeathhalls.com

The very best events of the month ahead

PREVIEW

Tea Dance

9 June

If you're looking for something to put a spring in your step, then be sure to swing by Blackheath Halls for their June Tea Dance. The afternoon features live music from the Hugh Ockendon Trio, who will play tunes for Sequence Dancing, Quickstep, Cha Cha Cha and much more! Light refreshments will be included and there will be a raffle in aid of Cancer Research UK. 2pm. Tickets £6, £5 concs.

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15-22 May

For your culture fix this month, head to the Edward Alderton Theatre to see *The Maids*, an intriguing play by Jean Genet. It tells the story of two sisters who conspire to have their master arrested and plot the murder of their mistress. But all doesn't go to plan... Based on a true story, this is a mesmerising tale of power struggles and twisted revenge. No performance 16 May. 8pm. £7.

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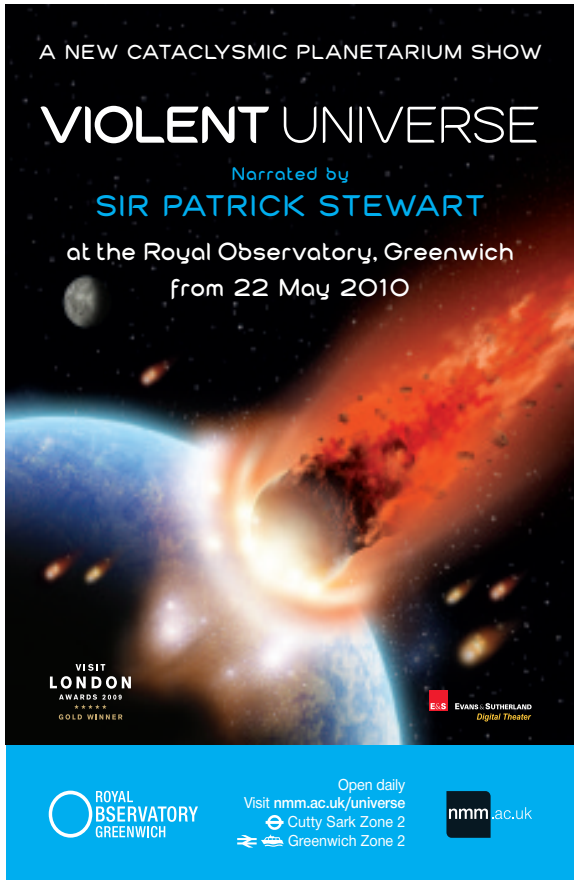

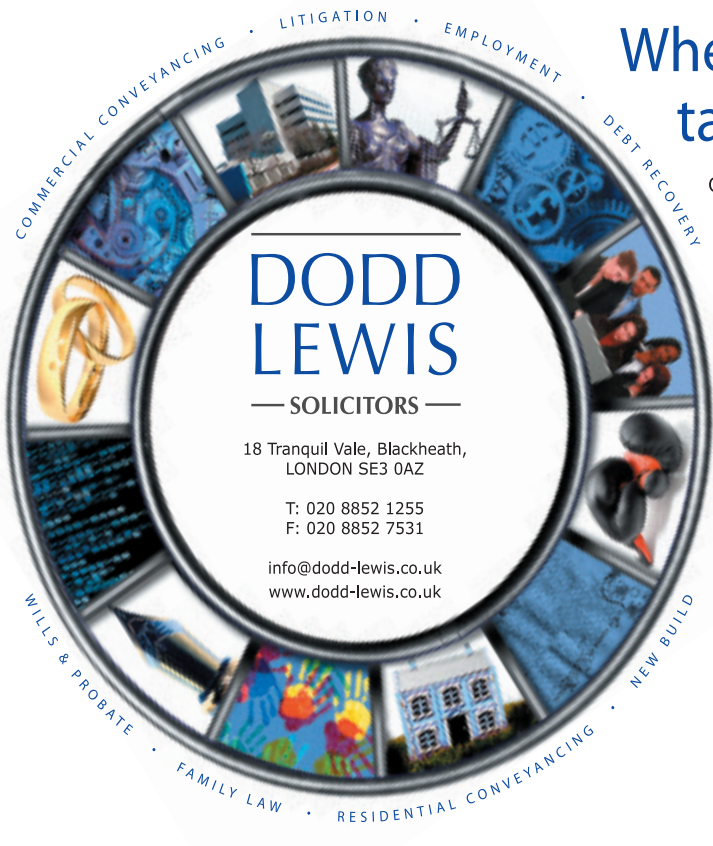

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The fame game

Eltham Palace is a regular hotbed of film, TV and photo-shoot action. Along with production credits such as *Brideshead Re-Visited*; *Miss Marple*; *Poirot*; *Brides* magazine and a Gucci campaign, it's currently enjoying a run of favour with the pop elite. Taio Cruz romances a pretty young thing there in his new video *No Other One*, shot last autumn, and Cheryl Cole filmed her latest video *Parachute* there in January. Poptastic!

NEWS*flash*

This month's news and views from across the area

Going the extra mile

A section of the Thames Path in East Greenwich is currently closed for safety reasons while the regeneration of the former industrial wharves – Lovell's, Granite, Badcock's and Pipers – takes place. The first of five low-rise blocks, Henry Hudson Apartments sees new residents move in this month. When completed in a few years' time, the development, which retains the name of the former large wharf, Lovell's, will mean residents of the East Greenwich Conservation Area will be able to access and enjoy the river for the first time in hundreds of years. Fifty-five per cent of Lovell's Wharf will be open space, including a central square, water garden and tidal garden. A diversion is currently in place.

Lovell's looking towards the World Heritage Site

Fenella Fielding in The Rivals. Photo by Peter Benedict

Star turn

Fenella Fielding is appearing in conversation at The Fan Museum on 27 May. One of Britain's most loved actors, Fenella was given her first major stage opportunity by Ron Moody, whom she met at the London School of Economics. Her performance in the musical *Valmouth* made her a star and in 1959 she appeared with Kenneth Williams in the comedy revue *Pieces of Eight*. She'll be interviewed by writer Louise Stein and answer questions from the audience as part of *In Celebration!*, a series of performances, lectures and interviews celebrating culture. Guests enjoy refreshments and VIP entry to the museum's latest exhibition on the evening of each event.

Museum entry from 6.30pm. Tickets £10. Call Amber Conde on 020 8305 1441 or email amber.conde@btconnect.com to book. 12 Crooms Hill SE10 8ER; 020 8305 1441

Deirdre Peters hits the road

Road runners

Twenty Virgin London Marathon runners crossed the line on 25 April to raise over £16,000 for Greenwich & Bexley Cottage Hospice, a charity that provides high quality care to local people at the end of their lives. Forty-nine-year-old Education and Practice Development Lead Nurse, Deirdre Peters, from Abbey Wood, completed the marathon in a personal best time of 5 hours and 1 minute. Catherine Collins from Hither Green finished in 3 hours, 59 minutes and 12 seconds and, along with her friend Lara Catterall from London Bridge, raised £9,462. The hospice's spring fair on 17 April, held in the newly-refurbished day care area at the Abbey Wood hospice, raised a further £1,300.

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La Joaquina and Chris Mullet of Flamenco Express get into the spirit of things at the National Maritime Museum

Feel the beat

Move it, shake it, twist it – Big Dance 2010 looks set to get south east London on its feet this July. **The Guide** gets with the programme

Be honest, we all love a turn on the dance floor. And thanks to shows like *Britain's Got Talent* and *Strictly*, the last few years have seen a surge in beginners' classes in everything from street to ballroom, up and down the country.

For those already bitten by the bug, or those thinking of trying out some new moves, Big Dance 2010 (3-11 July) is an event not to be missed. The week-long, London-wide celebration invites all ages and abilities to get involved in classes, workshops, performances and exhibitions, set in unusual venues such as clubs, cinemas and the streets.

Big Dance, the world's largest dance initiative, is delivered through a network of London's leading dance organisations, each representing a hub, or area, of the capital. Greenwich Dance Agency (recently rebranded as Greenwich Dance) is the hub for south east London, with East London Dance, English National Ballet, Sadler's Wells and Siobhan Davies Dance representing east, west, north and south London, respectively.

"Big Dance is a fantastic opportunity to harness the extraordinary talent that already exists in the capital and Greenwich Dance is absolutely thrilled to be leading the south east London hub," said Brendan Kearney, director of Greenwich Dance. "We are looking forward to working with artists and partners across London to ensure that the Big Dance creates an inspirational legacy."

Each hub has been awarded a grant of £225,000 to deliver projects and activities for the duration of the three years (Big Dance is a biannual event that will take place again in 2012).

The south east London hub commences it's six-week countdown to the fun-filled festival with the Big Cabaret on 21 May. This event showcases a range of dance styles that will unite our corner of London with south east Europe for an international performance involving Greenwich Dance's partner organisations in Bulgaria, Croatia and Greece.

Throughout the following weeks, highlights include Big Maritime Dance, which sees movement sessions with six local schools take place at the National Maritime Museum (180 children will create pieces inspired by the museum's collection throughout May and June, culminating in a performance on 2 July); and the Bromley Big Dance Weekender (9-10 July), which is a series of workshops, performances and a tea dance around the Churchill Theatre and shopping area, leading up to a showcase performance by and for the people of Bromley.

Throughout the festival, the Active Workplace Dance Project takes the action to the office – Greenwich Dance, Greenwich Council and Greenwich NHS Primary Care Trust are joining forces to send a team of specialist artists into work spaces to engage people in movement as part of their working day.

From 5-9 July, Big Dance at the O2 brings five days of impromptu and surprise events in and around the arena on Greenwich Peninsula including Hustler, a piece for 44 dancers and non-dancers conceived by David Waring, Artistic Director of Transitions Dance Company; Rollerdancing workshops; and Platform, a chance for local groups to perform in Peninsula Square. And also, a popular event already, Lewisham People's Day Meets Big Dance (10 July) aims to get as many as possible grooving together.

"I'm delighted to once again support Big Dance," said Boris Johnson (perhaps not such a keen dancer himself, but always a champion of projects that get London moving) at the project launch.

"Big Dance is a terpsichorean feast that takes it quite literally one step further," continued the Mayor of London. "We want to get as many people moving as possible this July and afterwards, to 2012 and beyond. Whatever your style, whatever your age or ability, as the Lady says, *Just Dance*." ●

For more information and detailed events listings, see www.bigdance2010.com

Highlights

at a glance…

21 May **Big Cabaret at Greenwich Dance**
24-27 June **Chris Nash Dance Photography Workshops**
25-26 June **Sufi Zen at Greenwich Park**
2 July **Big Maritime Dance**
3 July **Dance and Shop at The Glades Shopping Centre**
3-4 July **The Big Dance Bus at the Danson Festival**
5-9 July **Big Dance at the O2**
9-10 July **Bromley Big Dance Weekender**
10 July **Lewisham People's Day meets Big Dance**

The London Swing Dance Society at the Big Dance launch, Spitalfields Market. Above left: a dancer takes a leap at the Greenwich World Cultural Festival

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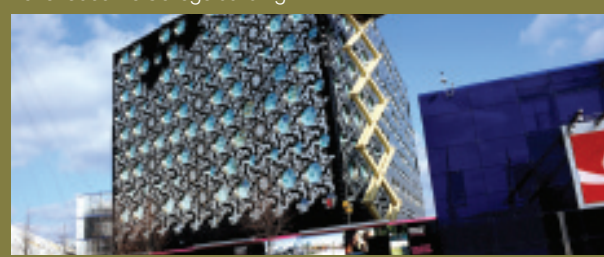

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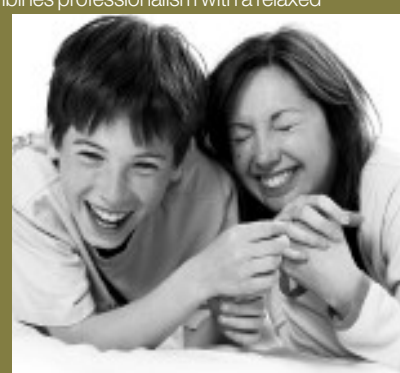

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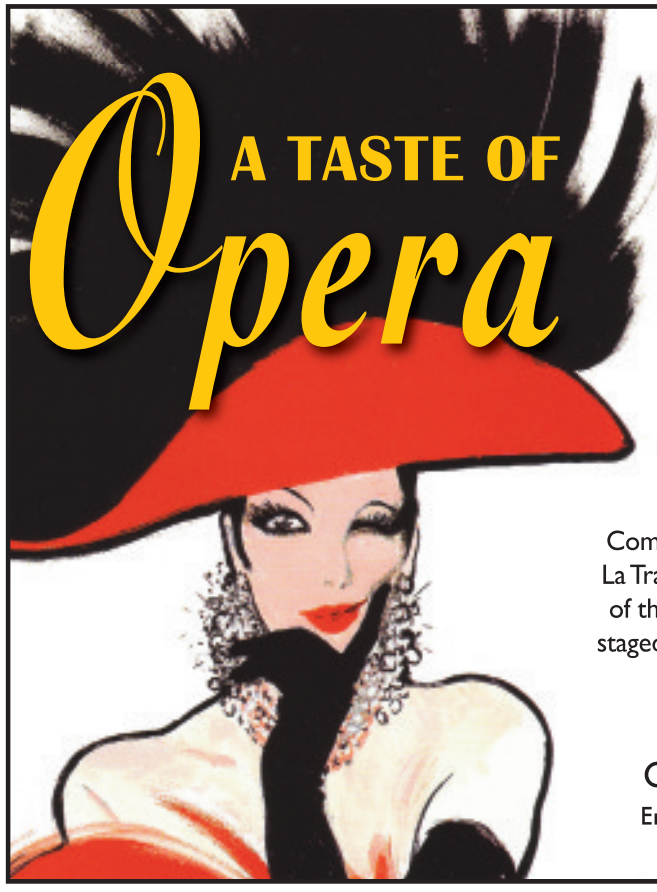

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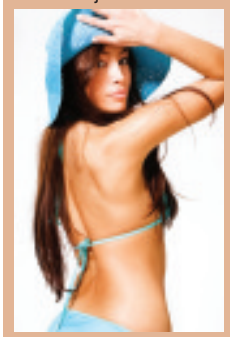

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A new leaf

Lee Cheshire meets Omari Bowers, an ambitious entrepreneur with a conscience

Helping to save the rainforests in Brazil is not enough for Omari Bowers (left) and Andrew Skeene, they're even building a school

I went to Northbrook Church of England School in Lee, Haberdashers' Aske's in New Cross, then to the University of North London. After university I worked for several large financial firms in the City and I also dabbled in the property game, buying properties for myself, friends and family. It got to the stage where I was making more money through property than my day job. I had to make a decision: stay in employment or work for myself. I decided to start my own property development company.

That's when I met my current business partner, Andrew Skeene. We were always looking at emerging markets, always on the hunt like any good entrepreneur should be. We were making good money in the property industry but we were always looking to see what banks and hedge funds were doing. We found out they were buying up huge tracts of land abroad. So we started to investigate and found out they were buying it for forestry.

We bought some land in Brazil and set up Global Forestry Investments. We help people buy their own trees, then manage it for them for 25 years. It's a safe investment compared to property or stocks and shares. And because the trees release oxygen into the atmosphere, it's good for the environment, too.

Omari and Andrew keep a close eye on their assets

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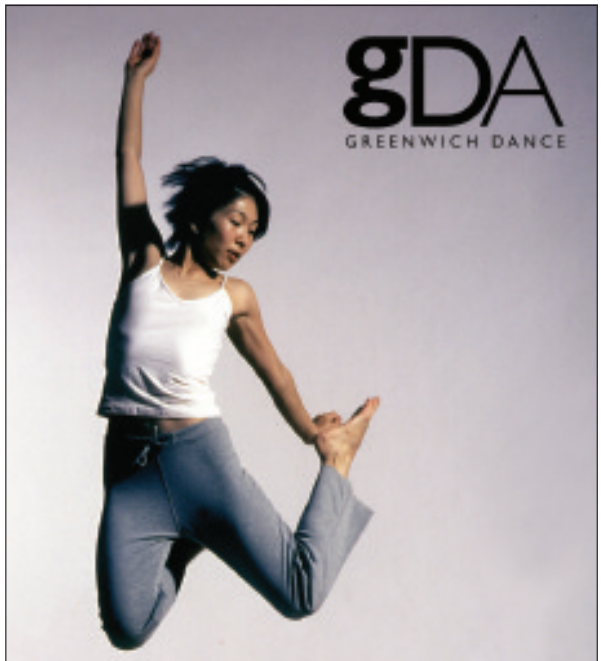

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Taste of London

Now in its seventh year, Taste of London is returning to Regent's Park from 17-20 June. The open-air food, drink and restaurant festival will serve up sample dishes from 40 of the capital's most acclaimed restaurants including south-of-the-river favourites, Gaucho and Le Pont de La Tour. There will also be 150 speciality food and drink producers, champagne masterclasses and celebrity chefs like Tom Aikens and Theo Randall all hoping to woo your palate!

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What a spread

The Spread Eagle's new food and wine pairing evenings have really taken off. This month, they're doing it again, combining a taste of fantastic quality food with some of Europe's finest rosé wines. Head chef Rory Lumsden will create a range of perfectly portioned plates, including grilled lamb with spring vegetables and smoked salmon with crab and avocado. The event begins at 7.30pm with canapés and a glass of chilled Brut Rose Champagne before sitting down to dinner at 8pm. £40 per head.

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Guy Awford

It's Father's Day this month, so what better way to celebrate fatherhood than with a good old manly steak sandwich?

A couple of months ago I suggested baking cup cakes to celebrate Mother's Day. Now, with Father's Day just around the corner (20 June), it seems only fair that I do something for the dads. So, what does your average father like to come home to after a hard day's work?

After great deliberation, I reckon an ice-cold beer followed by a grilled steak sandwich and proper chips would be high on the list. For the modern father we can include a kiss from the children and a treacle tart.

So, how do you ensure your steak sandwich is worthy of a special occasion? The first step is to source good quality beef that is nicely marbled with fat. This fat will melt as the steak cooks releasing flavour and tenderising the meat. Choose a tender cut such as fillet or rib eye. Heat the grill pan until it is very hot. Rub the steak with oil and season generously. Lay the steak in the pan and grill on both sides until charred and cooked to your father's, husband's or own preference. Rest the steak for two minutes, on a warm plate under foil, while you lightly grill the bread in the same pan. Slice the beef (if you have cooked rib eye you will need to remove the remaining fat) and assemble the sandwich. I'd keep it simple, adding only dressed rocket and a smear of mustard.

Then, on to the sweet stuff. My treacle tart has an obvious hint of lemon and ginger. These ingredients can be reduced to make their influence more subtle, or left out completely. For the pastry, process 125g of diced (room temperature) butter and 90g of caster sugar until smooth. Mix in an egg then pulse in 250g of sifted flour. Kneed lightly and chill for 20 minutes. Roll out between two sheets of cling film and line a greased tart ring. Put back into the fridge to set the pastry. ●

A treat of a treacle tart with a hint of lemon and ginger

- Beat 5 eggs and mix in 550g of golden syrup, 180g of breadcrumbs, a pinch of grated ginger and the juice and zest of a lemon
- Stir in 450ml of double cream
- Blind bake the pastry case at 180°C until cooked. Remove the paper and baking beans. Brush with egg wash and return to the oven to seal.
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You worked for Marco Pierre White – what was the most valuable thing he taught you? His food taught me not to follow the crowd and to not to be a snob in terms of ingredients. I also learned how to make amazing potato fondants from him.

When did you decide you belonged in the kitchen? That's easy: I realised after eight unsuccessful weeks at art college!

How do you decide what goes on the menu at Battery? It's all about the suppliers, growers and farmers; they make writing menus very easy. Once I taste the ingredients my mind goes into overdrive with ideas of what to do with them; it's great!

Where do you source your ingredients? Sourcing is ongoing. It is one of the things that should always be explored. I've spent 10 years learning who's who from books, travelling the country, working in amazing kitchens and eating and analysing as much as I can.

Tell us your worst ever dining out experience... I've had loads of bad experiences in terms of eating out, but one that still makes me cringe is when a friend and I went to this little Italian pub near Buxton on Thames. As the 15-minute mark came and went, I enquired and we were told it would just be a few minutes. After 25 minutes our main course finally came out, but we were told our starters would take another 20 minutes! The food was awful and my Veal Milanese was smothered in so much raw garlic it was inedible!

What's the best dessert you've ever eaten? The best pudding I ever had was on my travels through France some four or five years ago. I was in Nice and it was a fantastic Grand Marnier soufflé – it was huge and light as a feather. Delicious! ●

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But you don't have to. This is a place for people who like good food, not just ale anoraks. It's part of the new Discover Greenwich centre in the Old Royal Naval College and I'd go as far as to say this is probably the best restaurant in a tourist information office in the world.

The dining room is a cafe during the day, heavy curtains and dimmed lighting transforming the space at night. At one end glisten the copper tanks of the onsite microbrewery – reviving a tradition of brewing on the very site that once supplied the Greenwich pensioners with a ration of three pints a day.

It's all the work of Charlton-based Meantime brewery, which since opening the Greenwich Union pub, has conquered the top restaurants of London with their European-influenced tipples. choice on the menu comes with a suggestion for a matching beer, all part of their attempt to treat it with the same seriousness as wine.

The cuisine is British, with pickled herrings, Cornish mussels and Scottish salmon making an appearance before you even get to the mains. The first rule of reviewing – everyone must order something different – went out of the window when we saw the neck of mutton, braised in Meantime Pale Ale. We all got it; none of us regretted it; the meat melted away on the tongue. This is one step above pub food, sans frou-frou fine dining pretensions.

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From jewellery making to fishing, **Suzanne Amos** has got it covered

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fun and stimulating environment.

During the summer holidays, Mini Cook is running two, week-long cooking workshops in Blackheath. The courses are usually themed, and this summer brings a taste of farm life to London as children develop artisanal skills from the dairy, bakery and butchery and make real homemade sausages. Workshops run 9-13 and 16-20 August, from 9am-3pm, and cost £170 per week, including all the ingredients, lunches, snacks and a keepsake Mini Cook bag-for-life and apron.

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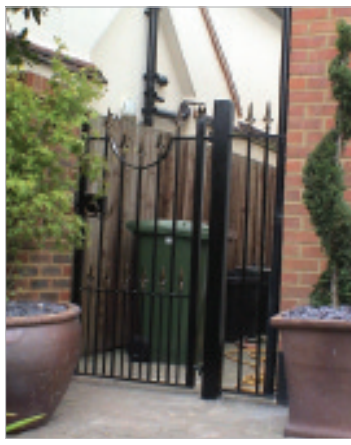

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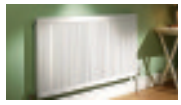

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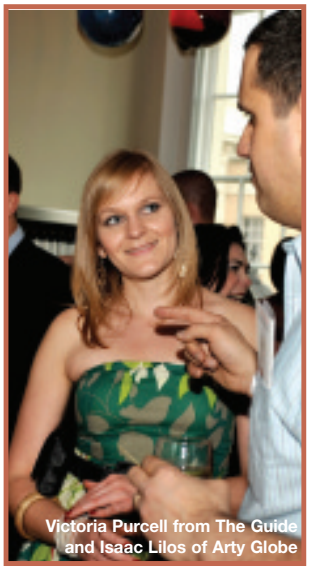
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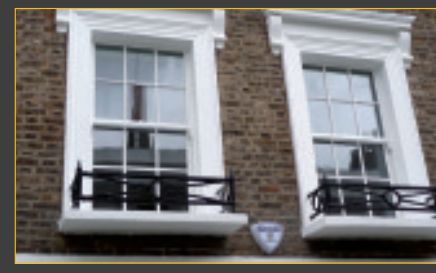

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Style council

Sonia Murton, interiors guru, delivers stylish Father's Day gift ideas

While I'm not an advocate of adhering to all the 21st century celebratory dates, there are some which clearly should not be overlooked. Father's Day is one such date – a time to show dad your appreciation, and a chance to give him a hand in the abode style stakes, too.

I've found some suitably chic male accessories for the home. A champion of casual sophistication, Mufti offers a host of luxurious items, with a section of the website dedicated to gifts for him. My favourite has to be the **Havana Leather magazine box** (£150, pictured bottom right), which has a hessian lining and has been hand laced (a subscription to *GQ* or *Top Gear* magazine would be a great accompaniment). If he enjoys a little alcoholic beverage or two, web retailer Dotmaison has a beautiful **blue glass decanter by LSA** (£30, pictured bottom right). Team it with a bottle of his favourite tipple.

For the more contemporary father, I totally love the new **Fishcondo** from The Balcony Gardener (pictured below); the most stylish home for fish around. For just £40 per condo – they can be stacked on top of one another – these are more than reasonably priced and will add a little tranquillity to any room.

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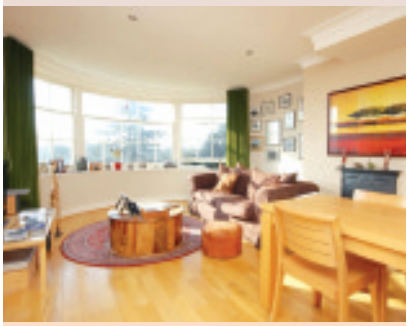

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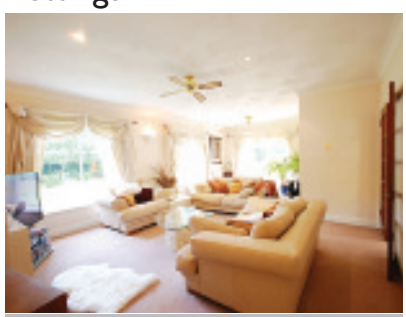

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The Heath Estates team pick up their 2009 Start Up of the Year award. Below: Award winners at last year's event

Market leaders

The deadline for this year's Archant London Property Awards is rapidly approaching. Last year's awards saw local agents Heath Estates do very well indeed

Blackheath's Heath Estates were invited to the first Archant London Property Awards evening as guests of Dodd Lewis. Last year, the second Archant London Property Awards saw Heath Estates enter three categories, where the company were finalists in two categories and won the Start Up of the Year category. With such strong competition, the team was extremely pleased to win.

The award has helped Heath Estates to increase its standing as one of the prime estate agents within the community of Blackheath, Greenwich and its surrounding areas. There has been a positive effect on business, and Heath Estates intends to enter for the 2010 Property Awards with the hope of building on their 2009 success.

The award ceremony, which is sponsored by Dodd Lewis, was held at the Britannia International Hotel in Docklands, a marvellous venue for an evening of good food, flowing wine, live music and great humour supplied by TV and radio personality Paul Ross.

Dodd Lewis Solicitors has been the official sponsor for the Property Awards for three years running. This was a bold move in a tough climate when the property market was in decline and unpredictable. Dodd Lewis is based in Blackheath Village, and has been for over 100 years, so the company felt it was essential to support their local agents. In playing such a major role each year, they were able to raise the profile of local businesses, giving them recognition for the work they do.

Daniella McKnight of Dodd Lewis, said, "We have been serving the local community for many years and felt the awards were a great way of generating awareness for both ourselves and our local agents."

As a previous winner, Heath Estates highly recommends the Archant London Property Awards to any company thinking of entering.

The Archant London Property Awards are your chance to raise awareness of your brand in a way that advertising mediums are not always able to achieve. The categories are: residential estate agency of the year; residential multi-branch estate agency of the year; lettings agency of the year; commercial agency of the year; residential development; affordable housing; start-up; innovation; negotiator of the year; and lifetime achievement award. Enter online at www.kentpropertyawards.co.uk. Final date for entries 28 May. A celebrity hosted, black-tie gala evening with a three-course dinner and dancing will be held on 17 September, where finalists will be announced at The Britannia International Hotel, Marsh Wall E14. Places are available for the evening at £85 plus VAT a ticket, or a table of 10 for £800 plus VAT.

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£910,000 Freehold

Maze Hill, Greenwich SE10

A charming Grade II listed house enjoying an enviable location overlooking and with direct access to Greenwich Royal Park. It comprises spacious entrance hall, elegant living room with stunning floor to ceiling window overlooking the park, study/bedroom four, living/dining room, kitchen,cloakroom, three bedrooms, bathroom and further cloakroom/utility room. This incredible property has a generous and mature walled garden and situated at the end of the garden is a converted former chapel offering 855 sq ft of accommodation. The property is conveniently located for access to Maze Hill main line station.

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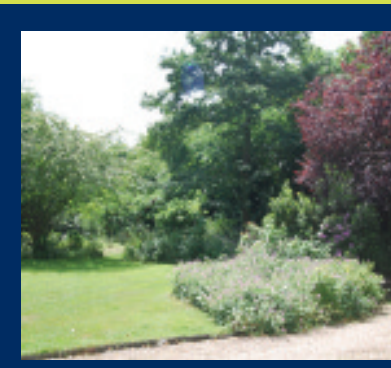

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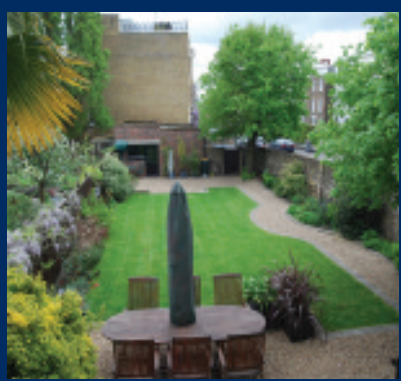

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Reaching new heights

Alan Middlewood joins the Brown & Brooke sales team

Local independent estate agents Brown & Brooke have expanded their sales team. Director of Sales Steven Brown is delighted to announce the appointment of Alan Middlewood to their office on Westcombe Hill. Alan joins from John Payne estate agency, also in Blackheath, where for the past six years he was responsible for the branch sales and valuations.

Despite the economic climate, the sales market continued to grow for Brown & Brooke at a fast rate, the need for an experienced sales executive lead the Sales Director to headhunt one of Blackheath's finest. Steven says "Alan brings with him an in depth knowledge of the local property market and the expertise of managing a successful sales team. We are very excited to have Alan on board in what promises to be a prosperous year for the local property market". Alan says "I kept a close eye on our competitor Brown & Brooke as they acquired key properties in Blackheath over the recent years. I also got to know Steven in a professional capacity during this time.

Given the opportunity to work alongside him I jumped at the chance. As a very experienced team, Steven and I are able to provide high levels of customer service which can be tailored to meet our clients needs. I believe this to be a winning formula". Award winning Brown & Brooke quickly established itself as a hard working, trustworthy and popular selling agency specialising in the localities of Blackheath, Greenwich and Charlton. Since 2006, the sales team at Brown & Brooke have gone from strength to strength building up an impressive portfolio of Sold properties in the 'high end' of the market as well as maintaining its focus on the middle market and being a popular choice amongst first time buyers.

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Agent *Speaks*

Turner Lane's **Katherine Miller** takes a positive view on the local market

Katherine Miller

Katherine Miller first met Darren Turner when her and her sister Victoria were looking for a rental property in Greenwich. After looking at several apartments through many agents, they decided upon a two-bedroom property in the old school conversion in Devonshire Drive. As well as a new home, Katherine got a new job with the agent who had found the property!

"I had been thinking about a change of career for a while and estate agency was something that interested me. I was also keen to work in the area that I lived in. The approach taken by Darren was completely different to all the other agents I came into contact with and I liked the way he was doing business, so I thought, 'what the heck', and approached him about a job." Nearly four years later, Katherine is still thoroughly enjoying the job. Meanwhile, Darren has recently taken over the office premises and is currently rebranding the business as Turner Lane.

"Although we may appear as a new name in Greenwich, we actually have an established following of landlords and manage a wide variety of properties in the local area. We pride ourselves specifically on the fact that we provide specialist, tailor-made lettings and management services in Greenwich and as I live locally it's a big advantage to the landlords and tenants I come into contact with."

For Turner Lane, rebranding the business at a time of uncertainty seems a brave decision, but the team is convinced there is so much opportunity and growth in the area that we can only go from strength to strength.

Greenwich has such history, some wonderful architecture, and the fact that it is a World Heritage Site (and will soon have Royal Borough status), can only mean that the area continues to attract interest. The influence of Canary Wharf over the past five years has been tremendous, and this will continue as the area expands and grows further. People go to Canary Wharf for work from all over London, England, Europe and indeed the world, and once they discover that Greenwich and Blackheath are so easily accessible, it becomes a first-choice area for them to live in. The Olympics, too, will only attract more interest to the area and this is sure to have a positive effect on the market.

There is a huge amount of building and development in and around Greenwich, and despite the fact that many such projects have been put on hold in other areas, all the local sites are continuing; Greenwich High Road, Seren Park, Deptford Bridge and Creek Road are of particular interest. As these sites are completed, there will be a continued influx of people into the area and, in the long term, this will only be a good thing for property prices.

Residents will benefit, and although the rental market looks set to become increasingly competitive, Turner Lane believes that landlords will always be able to achieve good income from decent tenants. This whole area still has a long way to go and will look very different in 10 years' time.

Therefore, Turner Lane will seek to continue doing things differently in the future and provide all landlords with a level of service not common among lettings agents; the company's fees include advertising, marketing and administration charges, and all tenants are professionally referenced. Turner Lane looks forward to doing business in the future!

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Maze Hill SE10 £2.75m F/H

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West Grove SE10 £2.7m F/H

Superb Victorian terraced house arranged over five floors fronting the Heath and providing generous accommodation including 6 bedrooms, 3 reception rooms, 4 bathrooms and study. The property has been beautifully refurbished to the highest standards yet still retains many of its period features.

Court Road SE9 £2.6m F/H

Fine Edwardian double-fronted 6 bedroom house occupying a large south facing plot in this prestigious road close to Eltham Palace and backing onto Royal Blackheath Golf Club. The main L-shaped reception room opens onto the terrace, swimming pool and exceptional gardens which have a parkland feel. Detached triple length garage.

Shooters Hill Road SE3 £1.65m F/H

Superbly refurbished imposing period house with self-contained 3 bedroom flat. Accommodation is arranged over three floors and retains many period features. 6 double bedrooms with 2 luxurious en-suites and a further family bathroom. 2 reception rooms. Mature 136' south-facing garden.

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Park Vista SE10 £1.65m F/H

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Rathmore Road SE7 Guide price £300,000 F/H

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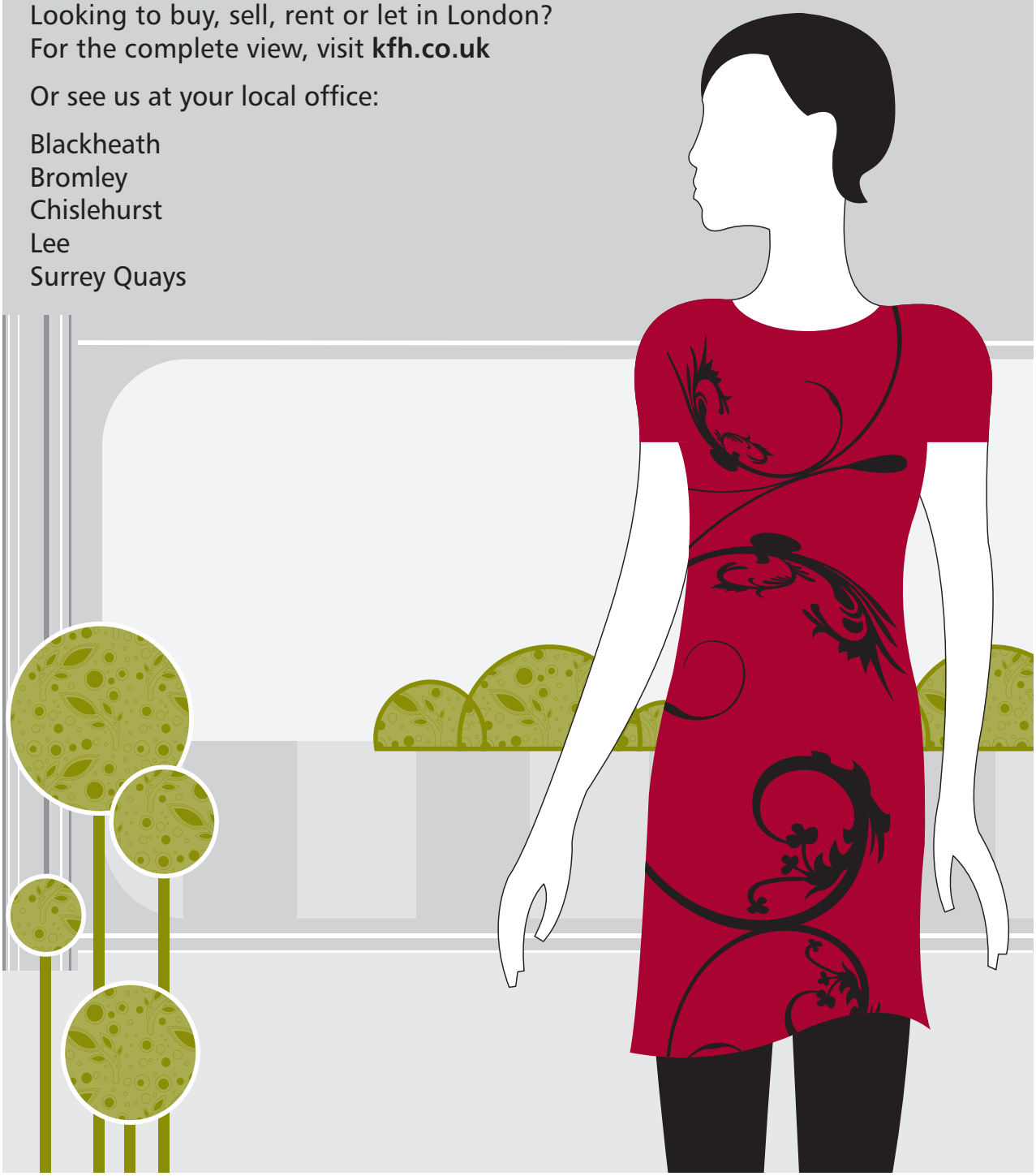

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Lewisham Park, Lewisham, SE13
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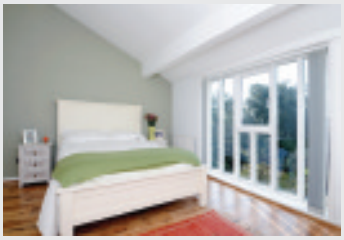

Holm Walk, Blackheath, SE3
£628,000

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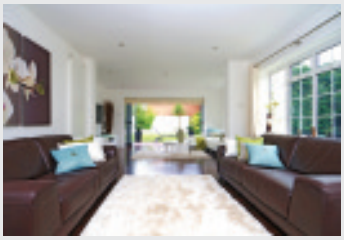

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Montague Avenue, Brockley, SE4
£2,500 pcm

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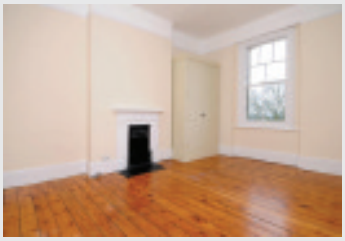

Kidbrooke Grove, Blackheath, SE3
£2,850 pcm

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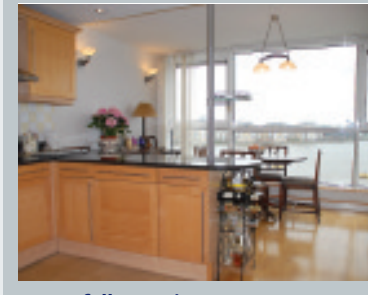

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